GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF HINDI INDIAN CULTURE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries where large number of people of Indian Origin are living and the arrangements made to teach their children Hindi and also make them familiar with Indian culture; and

(b) the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b): The names of the countries where large number of people of Indian Origin are living is placed at Annexure.

Ministry has a well formulated scheme of propagation of Hindi abroad. In addition to local Hindi Teachers, Ministry deputes Hindi Teachers to the countries where relatively significant number of people of Indian origin are living and Hindi classes are conducted. Hindi Professors are also deputed to various foreign Universities.Indian Missions abroad promote and assist in learning of Hindi through correspondence courses conducted by Central Hindi Directorate.

Ministry also supplies books in Hindi on various subjects such as Indian culture, Art, Literature, Language, History and Philosophy to Indian Missions for their libraries as also for donating to Educational Institutions and Voluntary Organisations engaged in promotion of Hindi. Teaching material including text books, dictionaries, audio-visual cassettes, Computer software, CD-ROMs etc. are also being sent. The Missions on their part maintain close contacts with local organisations and Indian community and fulfil their Hindi language related requirements. Some of our Missions have been organizing Hindi Conferences, literary events, Hindi Essay Competitions etc. to promote Hindi in the countries of their accreditation. Liberal financial assistance is given to the organisations engaged in teaching and promotion of Hindi as well as Indian Culture abroad.

ANNEXURE

LIST OF COUNTRIES WHERE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE OF INDIAN ORIGIN ARE LIVING

Australia
Austria
Bahrain
Canada
China(Hong Kong)
Fiji
France
Germany
Guyana
Indonesia
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Kenya
Kuwait
Lebanon
Libya
Madagascar
Malaysia
Mauritius
Mozambique
Myanmar
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nigeria
Oman
Panama
Philippines
Portugal
Qatar
Singapore
South Africa
Spain
Sri Lanka
Suriname
Sweden
Switzerland
Tanzania
Thailand
Trinidad & Tobago
Uganda
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom
United States of America
Yemen
Zambia
Zimbabwe

Russia
Reunion Islands
Saudi Arabia